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OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS

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Sir:

In response to a Final Office Action mailed November 5, 2002, the Applicant requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and entry of this reply to the final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. Please enter the following amendments into the file of the above-identified application and consider the remarks below. Applicant submits herewith: (1) a Request For Continued Examination (in duplicate), accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee; (2) Exhibit A, a copy of the claims that will be pending upon entry of the instant amendment; (3) Exhibit B, a copy of relevant pages from the *Nicomp 370 Model Submicron Particle Sizer User Manual*; (4) Exhibit C, a copy of *An Introduction to Statistics-Lesson 6: The Bell Shaped, Normal, Gaussian Distribution*; (5) Exhibit D, Rodriguez et al., *Large Versus Small Unilamellar Vesicles Mediate Reverse Cholesterol Transport In Vivo Into Two Distinct Hepatic Metabolic Pools: Implications For the Treatment of Atherosclerosis*, 17 ARTERIOSCLER. THROMB. VASC. BIOL. (10): 2132-39, 2134 (1997); (6) Exhibit E, a copy of a Material Safety Data Sheet on propidium iodide from Sigma-Aldrich Corporation; (7) Exhibit F, a chart summarizing the differences between the claimed invention and certain prior art; (8) Exhibit G, a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement with revised form PTO 1449 submitted to the USPTO on August 9, 2002 as requested by the Examiner; (9) an Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate), accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee; and (10) a Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate), accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee.

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